



PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
CITY OF EDMONTON

THE CORONATION *of* THEIR MAJESTIES



KING GEORGE VI.
AND
QUEEN ELIZABETH
MAY 12th, 1937

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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Edmonton Coronation Celebration Committee



A PRAYER FOR THE KING'S REIGN

O GOD, the Ruler over Earth and Sea,
Grant us Thy guidance in the reign to be:

Grant, that our King may make this ancient land
A realm of brothers, working mind and hand

To make the life of man a fairer thing:
God, grant this living glory to the King.

Grant, to our Queen, the strength that lifts and shares
The daily burden that a monarch bears:

Grant, to them both, Thy holy help to give
The hopeless, hope, the workless, means to live:

The light to see, and skill to make us see,
Where ways are bad, what better ways may be:

And grace, to give to working minds the zest
To reach excelling things beyond their best:

Grant to them peace, and Thy diviner peace,
The joy of making human wars to cease:

Make wise the councils of the men who sway
The Britain here, the Britains far away:

And grant us all, that every rightness willed
In this beginning reign may be fulfilled.

JOHN MASEFIELD,
Poet Laureate.



FOREWORD

By HIS HONOUR J. C. BOWEN,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF ALBERTA:

TO THE PEOPLE of Alberta as to all of the British Commonwealth of Nations, the Coronation of Their Majesties, King George Sixth and Queen Elizabeth, is an event of unprecedented significance.

It is fitting that the Citizens of Edmonton should avail themselves of this occasion to manifest their Loyalty to the Throne, and their attachment to the persons of Their Majesties.

There is a solemn agreement in the Coronation Ceremony. The Monarch and the People of the Empire covenant jointly to fulfill worthily a great task. The King will swear "to govern according to the statutes in parliament agreed on, and the respective laws and customs of the same." The People on their part, pledge all lawful service in fulfilment of their duty.

There is something more significant than pageantry in the Coronation of the new Monarch, there is a spiritual atmosphere and heartfelt devotion. In this attitude of mind may we solemnly dedicate ourselves to the general welfare of all.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

J. C. BOWEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

MESSAGES OF LOYALTY

THE HON. WILLIAM ABERHART,
PREMIER OF ALBERTA:

THIS is the second Coronation which Alberta as a Province has been privileged to celebrate. Since the Crowning of his late Majesty King George V, our Province has grown and developed rapidly. We have taken our place among the Free Peoples of the British Commonwealth, and we have maintained our Loyalty to the British Throne.

Let us rejoice now in the Coronation of King George VI and his Gracious Consort Queen Elizabeth. May God bless Them in the duties which They have undertaken, and may we, their Subjects, be always proud of our allegiance to Them and all that They represent.

WILLIAM ABERHART,
Premier.

HIS WORSHIP JOSEPH A. CLARKE,
MAYOR OF EDMONTON:

WITH a definite knowledge and appreciation of the fact that it is by virtue of our membership in the British Commonwealth of Nations that we are enjoying Peace and Security in most troublous times, we realize that, in observing the historic continuity of British Coronations, we are upholding a Throne which all Canadians revere. We all hope and pray that His Majesty the King and His Consort may be granted health and strength to sustain the onerous duties which occupancy of the Throne entails.

JOSEPH A. CLARKE.
Mayor of Edmonton.

THE HON. SENATOR W. A. GRIESBACH, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., K.C.:

WE ARE called upon to celebrate the Coronation of Their Majesties the King and Queen. In view of what the Throne has come to mean to all the peoples comprised within the British Empire, we can do no less than tender Their Majesties our affectionate Loyalty and pray that They may enjoy a long, happy and prosperous reign.

W. A. GRIESBACH,
Senator.

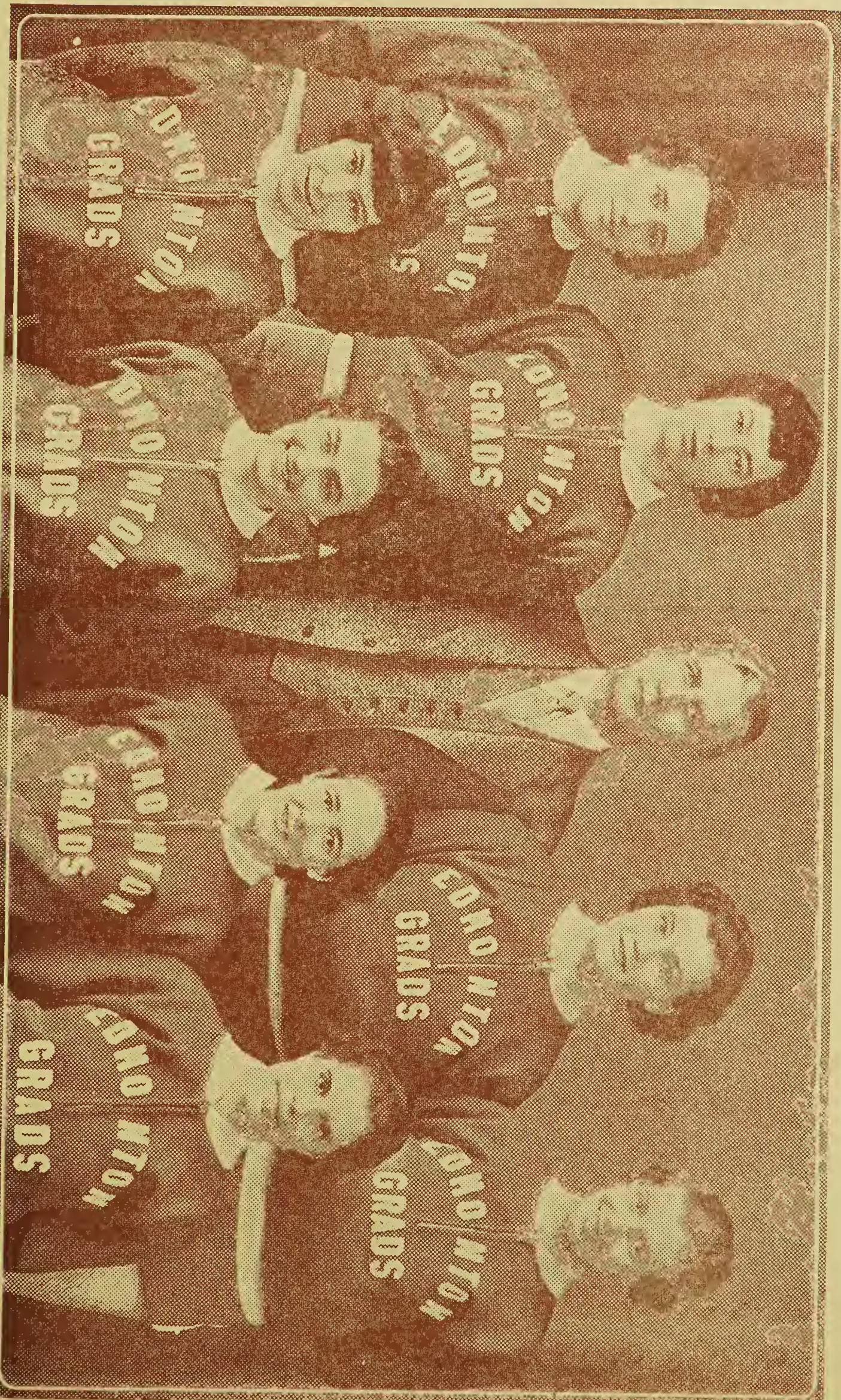
EDMONTON CORONATION CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

WE HAVE done our utmost to ensure that the Capital City of Alberta should properly observe and celebrate the Coronation of Their Majesties King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth.

We invite all citizens to participate in the ceremonies we have arranged and thank them for their co-operation.

W. R. McLAREN,
Chairman.

THE EDMONTON COMMERCIAL "GRADS"—1937 Canadian, International and European Champions



MABEL MUNTON
ETTA DANN

NOEL MacDONALD
HELEN NORTHUP

J. P. PAGE (Coach)
"BABE" BELANGER

WINNIE GALLEN
SOPHIE BROWN

BETTY ROSS

The Edmonton "Grads" extend to Their Majesties their most loyal devotion on this momentous occasion, and are pleased to be able to play their humble part in the city's Coronation Program at the Arena on Tuesday, May 11th, at 8:30 p.m., when the International Basketball Series with the famous Wichita Thurston's will be staged.

« « PROGRAMME » »

TUESDAY, MAY 11th

Presentation of Coronation Medals by Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire to the Children of the City Schools.

Evening, 8:30 o'Clock

Edmonton Grads Game at the Arena, Exhibition Grounds.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th

9:30 a.m.—Tree planting in and dedication of Coronation Park, at Diamond Park.

Naming of King George's Road.

Planting trees by Community Leagues.

10:15 a.m.—Morning Parade—101st Avenue east of 101st Street.

The following units will participate:

R.C.M.P.	Girl Guides
Legion of Frontiersmen	Canadian Girls in Training
Canadian Legion	Salvation Army
Army and Navy	Community Leagues
Imperial Veterans	Loyal Orange Lodge
Canadian Corps	Jewish Organizations
R.N.W.M.P. Veterans	Ukrainian Societies
Boy Scouts	Chinese Organizations

10:25 a.m.—Units of Edmonton Garrison will meet the Parade at 101st Street and 101a Avenue.

10:30 a.m.—Parade moves off, south on 101st Street to 100th Avenue, west to Cenotaph, north on 102nd Street to Jasper Avenue, west on Jasper to 107th Street, south to parade grounds southeast of the Parliament Buildings.

« « ORDER O
TO BE HELD ON THE GROUNDS OF THE
Commencing

"O Canada"

O, Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,
The true north strong and free;
And stand on guard, O, Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

O, Canada, where pines and maples grow,
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,
How dear to us thy broad domain,
From east to western sea.
Thou land of hope for all to toil,
Thou true North—strong and free.

Chorus.

O Canada! Glorious and free!
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.

INVOCATION - - - - - The Rev. D. C. Ramsay
Chairman of The Edmonton Presbytery, United Church of Canada

THE LORD'S PRAYER - - - - - The Rev. Canon Pierce-Goulding
President, Edmonton Ministerial Association

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

HYMN—"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home.

MESSAGES FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA and
THE MAYOR OF EDMONTON

F SERVICE » »

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

at 11:30 A.M.

ANTHEM—“*Land of Hope and Glory*” - - By the Massed Choir

Dear Land of Hope, thy Hope is crowned,
God made thee mightier yet,
On Sov'ran brows, be loved, renowned.
Once more thy crown is set.
Thine equal laws, by Freedom gained,
Have ruled thee well and long,
By Freedom gained, by Truth maintained,
Thine Empire shall be strong.

Thy fame is ancient as the days,
As Ocean large and wide,
A pride that dares, and heeds not praise,
A stern and silent pride;
Not that false joy that dreams content,
The blood a hero sire hath spent,
Still nerves a hero son.

Chorus.

Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free,
How shall we extol Thee, who are born of Thee
Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set,
God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet.

THE BLESSING - The Right Rev. A. E. Burgett, Bishop of Edmonton

BROADCAST OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S SPEECH

ROYAL SALUTE AND FUE DE JOIE

“*God Save the King*”

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King;
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour;
Long may he reign;
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Our loved Dominion bless
With peace and happiness
From shore to shore;
And let our Empire be
United, loyal, free,
True to herself and Thee
For evermore.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the parade will march past His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, at the main entrance of the Parliament Buildings.

BANDS PARTICIPATING

THE EDMONTON FUSILIERS (M.G.)

Director of Music, R. A. Bullock.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. E. Brown, M.M., E.D.,
Officer Commanding.

THE EDMONTON REGIMENTS (49th BATT. C.E.F.)

Director of Music, F. Aldridge.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. P. L. Debney, M.M.,
Officer Commanding.

LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN

Director of Music, A. Trademan.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Louis Scott, D.C.M.,
Officer Commanding.

THE SALVATION ARMY BAND

Director of Music, Jos. Ratcliff.

By kind permission of Major Jos. Acton,
Divisional Commander for Alberta.

THE EDMONTON SCHOOL BOYS' BAND

Director of Music, T. V. Newlove.

By kind permission of The Edmonton Public School Board

THE EDMONTON CITIZENS' BAND

Director of Music, G. A. Sloane.

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AND ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS' BAND

Director of Music, J. Shirlaw.

MASSED CHOIRS

Under the Direction of W. J. Hendra.

AEROPLANE FLIGHTS

By Aero Club During Service,

Under Flight Commander W. R. (Wop) May.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

- 1.30 Bicycle Races and Horse Show, under auspices of Boys' and Girls' Fair.
- 2.30 Decorated Bicycle Parade. Judges: Mrs. Gerald O'Connor, Mrs. E. Morton Hall and Mr. Frank Pike.
- 2.45 Dominion Hymn—Public Schools Choir under direction of J. N. Eagleson. Words by Duke of Argyle. Music by J. N. Eagleson.
- 2.50 Presentation of Prizes—Decorated Bicycles. Prizes kindly donated by Edmonton City Dairy, Woodland Dairy and McGavin's Bakery.
- 3.00 Arrival of Lieutenant-Governor and Party.
"God Save the King" (two stanzas)
"Coronation Song"—Words and music by H. R. Leaver. Public Schools Choir.
- 3.05 Grand Parade of Nations—(Parade Marshal, Mr. Fred Kemp).
Nations—English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, African, Chinese, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Polish, Ukrainian.
Organizations and Clubs—Royal Society of St. George, Loyal Orange Order, Highland Associations, Canadian Daughters League, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance, C.G.I.T., Salvation Army, Emergency Welfare League, Trail Rangers, Community Leagues, Loyal Order of Moose, Eideweiss Club, Liberal Club, Old-Timers Association, Separate Schools Cadets, Mr. Coles' Riding Academy, Greening Riding School.
Bands—The 49th and Boys' combined Pipe Band, Salvation Army Citadel Band, School Boys' Band, International Union Band, Canadian Union Band.
"O Canada"
- 3.50 The Young People of Royal Society of St. George present "A Maypole Dance"—Accompanied by School Boys' Band.
- 4.00 Hebrew Organizations present A Pageant—"The Giving of the Law at Mount Sinai"). Narrator, Rabbi J. Eisen; "Moses". Harvey Kagna. Choral selections: "Eso Einai" ("I Lift My Eyes"), L. Bricker and Chorus; "Thanks Be to God", soloist, Miss E. Dunn; "Nature's Praise of God" (Beethoven), The Chorus.
- 4.10 Cadets of Separate Schools present "A Patriotic Drill Display", under the direction of Sgt.-Major Barker, by permission of A. A. O'Brien, Superintendent of Separate Schools.
- 4.30 Highland Dancing Association presents "Reel O'Tulloch"—Pipe Band under command of Pipe Major H. Laing.
- 4.50 Special Broadcast from Aeroplane—Co-operation of Canadian Airways Limited and Radio Station CFRN (Manager, Mr. G. R. A. Rice).
- 4.55 Salvation Army present "A Patriotic Pageant"—Under direction of Major J. Acton, District Commander.
- 5.05 Edmonton Japanese Society presents "Japanese Dances."
- 5.15 Edmonton Girl Guides present "International Signalling in Coronation Colours," under command of Miss Helen Burns.
- 5.20 Ukrainian Organizations in Edmonton present "Ukrainian Folk Songs and Dances."
- 5.40 Women of the Moose present A Pageant by their Drill Team.

EVENING PROGRAMME

Commencing at 9:30 o'Clock

A magnificent display of fireworks and a huge bonfire will be presented at the Municipal Airport, Hudson's Bay Reserve. The order of the display is as follows:

1. Two cannon shells to announce the commencement of the display.
2. First round of rockets.
3. First round of exhibition shells of assorted colors.
4. Display of Bengal Lights giving a rich crimson illumination which suddenly changes to a deep emerald green.
5. Display of Spangle Bouquets—a combination of massive fountains of spangling fire and countless red, green and amber stars.
6. Mammoth Cyclonic Wheel—a whirling mass of color over ten feet in diameter.
7. Second round of rockets.
8. Second round of exhibition shells of assorted colors.
9. Display of Yellow Sunset Flares. These flares produce a most powerful illumination similar to that created by the setting sun.
10. Display of Crystal Bouquets—a combination of countless animated colored stars and masses of brilliant silver fire which combine to form lovely floral bouquets over twenty feet in height.
11. Set piece—"SILVER GLORY"—a large piece twenty feet in diameter made up of streams of silver fire forming a large sun with the centre a whirling silver wheel with a glorious glow.
12. Third round of rockets.
13. Third round of exhibition shells of assorted colors.
14. Display of Golden Tempest Fountains. These fountains are solid masses of glistening golden spangles over eighteen feet in height.
15. Set piece—"THE JEWELLED FAN"—a beautiful fan-shaped device containing three gigantic plumes. Each plume is made up of a massive geyser of golden spangles and countless multi-colored stars.
16. Set piece—"NIAGARA FALLS OF SILVER DUST"—a wide falls of the most intensely brilliant fire that can be obtained by any means.
17. Fourth round of rockets.
18. Fourth round of exhibition shells of assorted colors.
19. Display of Magnesium Flares.
20. Display of Volcanic Mines.
21. Set piece—"THE GOLDEN PARAGON"—made up of numerous streams of golden fire.
22. Fifth round of rockets.
23. Fifth round of exhibition shells of assorted colors.
24. Display of Paradise Batteries.
25. Display of Rainbow Wheels.
26. Portrait of "HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI"—outlined in colored fire, correct to the most minute detail. Along the top of the Portrait is a battery of Roman Candles, throwing out a large display of red, white and blue stars.
27. Finale—"A BARRAGE OF ARTILLERY SHELLS"—filling the sky with vivid flashes of brilliant colors and heavy reports.

BONFIRE

AT 10:15 P.M. a huge bonfire which was built under the direction of the Edmonton Boy Scouts will be set alight by members of the Edmonton Troop.

MARDI GRAS, STREET DANCING and other activities will complete a most enjoyable Coronation Celebration.

EDMONTON CORONATION CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Howard Wright.



A PRAYER
FOR THE KING'S MAJESTY
ON THE PUTTING ON OF THE CROWN

O GOD, the crown of the faithful: Bless we beseech thee and sanctify this thy servant GEORGE our King: and as thou dost this day set a Crown of pure gold upon his head, so enrich his royal heart with thine abundant grace, and crown him with all princely virtues, through the King eternal Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

from The Coronation Service.